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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JAN 20 1989

SUBJECT: Comments on Preliminary Health Assessment for the Proposed Medley Farm Site in Gaffney, South Carolina

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The above-reference document, dated August 1988, was received for review on January 11, 1989. Below are my comments.

1. On page 1, Background section, first paragraph, first sentence: The Medley Farm site is still only proposed for inclusion on the NPL and has not been finalized as this sentence implies.
2. On page 1, Background section, first paragraph, second sentence, fourth line down: I suggest "Burnt Gin Road", in parenthesis, be added after the "72."
3. On page 1, Background section, first paragraph, third sentence: The phrase "unknown sources" in this sentence is misleading. Several PRPs were identified and have signed an Administrative Order requiring them to conduct an RI/FS.
4. On page 1, Background section, first paragraph, third sentence: The approximate dates the site was used for waste disposal were from 1973 to 1976 and not from 1966 to 1972.
5. On page 1, Background section, second paragraph: The approximate number of drums/containers should read 2,000 and not 5,300.
6. On page 2, Potential Environmental and Human Exposure Pathway section, first paragraph, third sentence, fourth line down: In 1984, the surficial aquifer was found to be contaminated but, since there are not bedrock monitor wells, it is impossible at this time to make any statements with regards to the quality of the bedrock aquifer. Therefore, the phrase "on-site groundwater contamination," implying both the surficial and bedrock aquifers, is misleading. Also, I only know of two sampling episodes for the only monitor well on-site, both occurred in 1984 - April 13, 1984 and July 18, 1984. I have not seen any analytical data for on-site groundwater samples collected in 1986.

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7. General comment: It is the Agency's understanding that city water has been brought into this area and that houses in the Medley Farm area have been connected to the system.

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